Long term appointments in Assistants Grade

6499. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The number of ad-hoc Assistants as on 30th June, 1987 and the number of vacancies against which the ad-hoc appointments continued upto 10th June, 1992 i.e. the date of their regularisations in the Grade;

(b) the reasons for not making long term appointments during the Select List 1986 to 1988; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the ad-hoc promotions were/are not resorted to in Assistants' Grade because leave reserve posts are part of the authorised permanent strength in the Assistants' Grade against which substantive appointments are made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As on 30th June, 1987, there were 51 ad-hoc Assistants. The number of vacancies during 30th June, 1987 to 10th June, 1992, however, kept on changing and, therefore, ad-hoc appointments were made/continued during the period, according to requirement.

(b) The Government discontinued the system of long term promotions in Assistants' Grade from October, 1988, in order to streamline the promotion process, and the Select Lists of Assistants for 1986 onwards were prepared accordingly.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Ad-hoc Assistants

6500. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Number of persons appointed against Direct Recruitment, Seniority Quota and Long Term basis during the Select List 1985 to 1989 in Assistants' Grade;

(b) the number of ad-hoc Assistants as on 30th June, 1987, 12th October, 1988 and as on 31st March, 1992; and

(c) the action taken to count the ad-hoc service rendered by them towards eligibility for all purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The year-wise Select List position is given below:—

Year	Direct Recruitment	Seniority Quota	Long Term
1985	9	15	12
1986	5	8	NIL
1987	6	18	NIL
1988	6	14	NIL
1989	46	129	NIL

(b) 51 as on 30th June, 1987
38 as on 12th October, 1988
135 as on 31st March, 1992

(c) Statutory Rules do not provide for counting of ad-hoc service towards eligibility for all purposes. The matter is also sub-judice.

Air Stations at Kurseong and Siliguri

6501. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are undertaking developmental projects of AIR at Kurseong and Siliguri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND